

^{1a5} Defoe, *Giving Alms no Charity*, 1704, pp« 25-7.

^w Petty, *Political Arithmetic*, p. 45.

¹⁸⁷ Sir Henry Pollexfen, *Discourse of Trade* 1697, p, 49;

Walter Harris, *Remarks on the Affairs and Trade of England and Ireland*, 1691, pp. 43-4 ; *The Querist*, 1737 (in *The Works of George Berkeley*, D.D., ed. A. C. Fraser, 1871, p. 387); Thomas Alcock,

Observations on the Defects of the Poor Laws, 1752, pp. 45 *seqq.*

(quoted Furniss, *op, cit.*, p. 153).

¹³⁸ Arthur Young, *Eastern Tour*, 1771, vol. iv, p. 361.

¹³⁹ Harrison, *The Description of Britaine*, 1587 ed., bk, ii,

chap, x, *Of Provision made for the Poor.*

¹⁴⁰ H. Hunter, *Problems of Poverty: Selections from the . . .*

writings of Thomas Chalmers, D.ZX, 1912, p. 202.

¹⁴¹ For the influence of Chalmers¹ idea on Senior, and, through <

him, on the new Poor Law of 1834, see T. Mackay, *History of the English Poor Law*, vol. iii, 1899, pp. 32-4.

Chalmers held that

any Poor Law was in itself objectionable, Senior, who described

Chalmers* evidence before the Committee on the State of the Poor

in Ireland as " the most instructive, perhaps, that ever was given

before a Committee of the House of Commons," appears to have

begun by agreeing with him, but later to have adopted the principle

of deterrence, backed by the test workhouse, as a second best. The

Commissioners of 1832-4 were right in thinking the existing methods

of relief administration extremely bad; they were wrong in sup-

posing distress to be due mainly to lax administration, instead of

realising, as was the fact, that lax administration had arisen as an

attempt to meet the increase of distress. Their discussion of the

causes of pauperism is, therefore, extremely superficial, and requires

to be supplemented by the evidence contained in the various con-

temporary reports (such, *e.g.*, as those on the hand-loom weavers)

dealing with the industrial aspects of the problem.

¹⁴² W. C. Braithwaite, *The Second Period of Quakerism*, 1919, pp. 560-2. Defoe comments on the strict business standards of the Quakers in *Letter xvii (Of Honesty in Dealing)*, in *The Complete English Tradesman*. Mr. Ashton (*Iron and Steel in the Industrial Revolution*, p. 219) remarks, '* The eighteenth century Friend no less than the mediaeval Catholic held firmly to some doctrine of Just Price,' and quotes examples from the conduct of Quaker iron-masters.